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1. THE 13TH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL AGENCY ON CANCER, WAS HELD IN LYON, MAY 2 AND 3. SESSION WAS HARMONIOUS AND PRODUCTIVE.
2. ONE IMPORTANT ACTION WAS THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW FINANCIAL SYSTEM-A PROGRAM-BUDGET PRESENTED BIENNIALY, WITH BUDGET LEVEL PROJECTIONS FOR ANOTHER 2-4 YEARS-AS RECOMMENDED BY AD HOC FINANCE COMMITTEE. NEW SYSTEM WILL BEGIN WITH 1976/77 BIENNium.
3. THE GC APPROVED THE BUDGET OF \$3,192,000 FOR 1975, TO BE FINANCED BY ASSESSMENTS ON PARTICIPATING STATES.
4. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION, THE CHAIRMAN, PROFESSOR BLOKHIN (USSR), ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION HAD REQUESTED THAT CONSIDERATION OF ITS PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS TO MODIFY THE AGENCY'S STATUTES BE AGAIN POSTPONED. (COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE PROPOSALS-HAD THEY BEEN CONSIDERED-WOULD HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY REJECTED).
5. THREE NEW MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL ELECTED FOR FOUR

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YEAR TERMS WERE SIR RICHARD DOLL (UK), DR. TH. G. VAN RIJSEL

(NETHERLANDS) AND DR. A. UPTON (USA).

6. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WHO HAD DISTRIBUTED A DOCUMENT OF THE FORTHCOMING WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY ON THE SUBJECT OF "LONG-TERM PLANNING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CANCER RESEARCH". THIS GAVE THE COUNCIL THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THE ROLE OF IARC IN RELATION THERETO. THIS TOPIC WAS EVIDENTLY OF GREAT INTEREST TO ALL PRESENT AND THE DISCUSSION PROVIDES A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ASSEMBLY. MOST IARC MEMBERS SPOKE VERY EMPHATICALLY ON THEIR FULL SATISFACTION WITH THE AGENCY'S WORK AND ON THE DESIRABILITY OF ITS PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH. AT THE SAME TIME, ALL MEMBERS RECOGNIZED THE AGENCY AS PART OF WHO AND NOT AN OUTSIDE COMPETITOR. A GC RESOLUTION ON THIS WAS ADOPTED, PLACING THE AGENCY'S RESEARCH WORK AND CAPABILITIES AT THE DISPOSITION OF WHO AS A WHOLE, WITHIN THE COMPETENCE AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE. ABRAMS

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